

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~A An application system that is running in CPU and that is capable to~~ a central processing unit for changing of the appearance and performance of generated by a specified applications in such a way to force a user application, the system comprising:

a timer for measuring time; and

means, responsive to the timer, to change the appearance or performance generated by the specified application according to a timed procedure to encourage a user of the application to abandon this specified application and to purchase a new one application.

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Claim 2 (Original): The system as in Claim 1, where changing of the appearance include one or more of the following:

change color, change contrast, change fonts, change intensity, change refresh rate, change content of pictures etc.

Claim 3 (Original): The system as in Claim 1, wherein changing of performance includes one or more of the following:

the brightness fades so that it is harder for the user to use the software tool as time progresses; the application window shrinks through time; the font degrades; features gradually drop out; display quality degrades; sound quality degrades; processing speed degrades; network bandwidth degrades; unpleasant visual and auditory stimulus is produced; and information degrades.

Claim 4 (Original): The system as in Claim 1 where changing in the program appearance leads to degradation of the view of the application.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The system as in Claim 1 where changes in performance leads to degradation of performance (~~lower speed, pauses etc.~~).

Claim 6 (Original): The system as in Claim 2 where colors, contrast and fonts are degraded.

Claim 7 (Original): The system as in Claim 1 where changes are adjusted to time and starts after some time limits.

ai Claim 8 (Original): The system as in Claim 7 where adjustment to time means gradual changes.

Claim 9 (Original): The system as in Claim 1 where this system is a part of the specified application.

Claim 10 (Original): The system as in Claim 1 where changes are obtained by manipulating drives in PC.

Claim 11 (Original): The system in claim 1 where users pay money or view advertisements to reduce or eliminate degradation.

Claim 12 (Original): The system in claim 11 where money is paid to any of: software manufacturer, seller, third party, or degradation service provider.

Claim 13 (Original): The system in claim 12 where the amount of degradation is related to the amount of money paid.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A method of operating a trial software application, said trial application being associated with a defined full application, said method comprising the steps of:

providing the trial application with a main program; and

providing the trial application with a subprogram to diminish the performance of the main program over time and in accordance with a timed procedure in order to encourage a user to purchase said defined full application.

Claim 15 (Original): A method according to Claim 14, wherein said subprogram begins to diminish the performance of the main program a defined period of time after the user begins to use the trial application.

Claim 16 (Original): A method according to Claim 15, wherein said subprogram gradually diminishes the performance of the main program over a given time starting at the end of said defined period of time.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A system for operating a trial software application, said trial application having a main program and being associated with a defined full application, said system comprising:


a timer for measuring time;

means for operating the main program to produce a defined performance;

means responsive to the timer for diminishing the performance of the main program over time and in accordance with a timed procedure in order to encourage a user to purchase said defined full application.

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Claim 18 (Original): A system according to Claim 17, wherein said means for diminishing included means to begin to diminish the performance of the main program a defined period of time after the user begins to use the trial application.

Claim 19 (Original): A system according to Claim 18, wherein said means for diminishing includes means to diminish gradually the performance of the main program over a given time starting at the end of said defined period of time.



Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for encouraging a user to purchase a full version software application related to a trial version, said method steps comprising:

providing the user with the trial version;

allowing the user to use the full capacity of the trial version for a defined period of time to produce a defined performance;

after said defined period of time, diminishing the performance of the trial version in accordance with a timed procedure to encourage the user to purchase said full version.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A program storage device according to Claim 20, wherein the diminishing step includes the step of gradually diminishing the performance of the trail program over a given time starting at the end of said defined period of time.